



## *Placer County*

# **Wastewater Advisory Committee**

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## MINUTES

December 11, 2012  
CDRA Cypress Room

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Rick Bluhm called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **II. Preliminary Items**

#### **A Roll Call and Determination of Quorum,**

Joe Olsen, Ramzi Mahmood, Rick Bluhm, Robin Mahoney, Mark Navo, Guy Ostenson, Mike Broyer, Marc Lindbloom, Chris White, and Ken Denio; a quorum was established. Absent; Dave Honeycutt and Dave Buck.

#### **B Introduction of Members and Guests**

Rick McCauley and Ben McCauley from SOS Onsite and Marilyn Jasper from the Sierra Club.

Introductions were made for Wesley Nicks, new Director of Environmental Health Services and Pat Orme, new Assistant Director of Environmental Health Services.

Mohan Ganapathy and Laura Rath also attended the meeting representing Environmental Health.

#### **C Correspondence and Public Comment**

Mohan reported that an e-mail was received from Bill Carpenter Jr. dated December 6, 2012. The email was read into the record as public comment. .

#### **D Agenda Review**

No additions or changes were requested for the agenda. Ken Denio made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Mike Broyer seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor and no opposing votes.

### **III. Action Items**

#### **1. Approval of Draft Minutes for the October 9, 2012 Meeting**

Rich Bluhm made a request to approve the October 9, 2012 minutes as written. Joe Olsen made a motion to approve and Robin Mahoney seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor and no opposing votes.

2. Changes to the draft Placer County On-Site Sewage Ordinance Manual. Removing the section on Experimental Systems and replacing it with a section on the Requirements for New Supplemental Treatment Systems.

Mohan provided the WAC with revised draft Chapter 23 (Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring), Chapter 24 (New Supplemental Treatment System), Chapter 29 (Proprietary System Requirements), Chapter 31 (New Component Review Process) language to be inserted into the draft Manual ordinance to replace the Experimental System Program. The revisions to these Chapters were based upon comments by the WAC members at the October 9, 2012 WAC meeting.

Chapter 23 was discussed. Most of the discussion points included the requirement that systems utilizing supplemental treatment be required to have post treatment effluent testing every three years. The current supplemental treatment systems in the OM&M program (Sand Filters, Advantex and HOOT) have already gone through post treatment effluent testing requirements as part of their approval process for inclusion in the alternative system designation. New requirement of testing for homeowners who have already completed the testing and were told testing would no longer be required would be unfair. It was decided that this requirement would be removed from the Chapter.

Chapter 24 was discussed with Mohan providing an overview of this proposed Chapter which will replace the current Experimental System Requirements Chapter (Chapter 25) of the current Placer County Onsite Sewage Disposal Manual.

Mohan contacted NSF regarding the NSF/ ANSI Standard 360 Field Performance Verification. Per NSF the Standard 360 program is available but they have not received any applications as of this date.

As with the discussion on Chapter 23 it was decided that the requirement for additional testing once the new supplemental treatment is approved would be removed. Certification for NSF Standard 40-1999 and completion of NSF Standard 360 or equivalent, as defined in the Chapter, would suffice.

Chapter 29 Proprietary Systems was discussed by the group. All of the requirements in this Chapter can be found in the new proposed Chapter 24 with the exception of the requirement that no leasing of system components is allowed. It was decided that the proposed Chapter 29 will be incorporated into proposed Chapter 24.

Chapter 31 New Component Review Process was discussed. Guy brought up the issue that in reading the Chapter he was unsure of what products would be included in this Chapter, ie risers, alternatives to drainrock or piping that would result in a different construction methodology. The WAC members requested that the intent of this Chapter be incorporated into the language.

Mohan will make all of the updates to the Chapters as a result of the meeting and it will be emailed to the WAC members.

Rick Bluhm made a request to approve the changes to the Chapters presented to the WAC. Ken Denio made a motion to approve the changes and Mike Broyer seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, no opposing votes.

Rick Bluhm asked what the next step was once the Chapters have been updated. Placer County Environmental Health Services intent is to take the revised Chapters to the Placer County Board of Supervisors to replace the current Experimental System Chapter. At the same time the division will verify with the Board that they want Placer County to fall under Tier 2 of AB885 by developing a Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) rather than following Tier 1. Ordinance and Manual revisions completed by the division and WAC several years ago will be incorporated in the Placer County LAMP.

The division plans on taking this item to the Board of Supervisors in April 2013.

An item will be added to the next WAC agenda for approval of a letter from the WAC supporting the division in pursuing the LAMP.

#### **IV. Non-Action Items**

A. Legislative Update (Standing Item)

AB 885 was approved by the State Office of Administrative Law on Nov 13, 2012. The effective date for AB885 will be May 13, 2013. A handout was provided by the division of the timeline for submission and approval of a LAMP.

#### **V. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2013

Location: Cypress room at the CDRC

Time: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM